

2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

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SAPD HEADQUARTERS, 214 W. NUEVA**

GRANT FACT SHEET

- Annually the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, makes funds available to units of local government under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Program. Past grants have funded four new police helicopters, new patrol cars, and radar units used by police officers to patrol school zones and other speeding hot spots citywide. The 2002 grant supports a joint City-County gang task force. The Police Department provides a Lieutenant to command the task force, a Sergeant to supervise, and 10 Police Officers. The Bexar County Sheriff's Office provides supervisors and deputies for the task force as well. In addition, the District Attorney's Office and both the Adult and Juvenile Probation Offices participate in this endeavor.
- This year's grant is the eighth for the City. Including the 2003 grant the City has leveraged \$7,743,244 in grant funds with \$893,299 in local matching contributions.
- This is a two year grant for the period 10/1/03 to 9/30/05
- Before expending funds from the grant the City must:
 - Conduct a public hearing on use of the funds before making expenditures.
- The required public hearing will be held in conjunction with the September 30 Crime Commission meeting. The proposed grant award will be presented to City Council on October 16.
- Following is a summary of significant proposed purchases:
 - \$232,500 for a replacement Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) unit for the Helicopter Detail.
 - \$166,224 for three additional Aggressive Driving cars.
 - \$28,800 for 24 additional radar units for the Police Substations.
 - \$28,328 for digital recording equipment to tape felony confessions.